

WASTE 2 RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**** MEETING SUMMARY ****

March 15, 2011, 9 a.m.

Steve Wambach, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Introductions were made and Steve asked for a motion to approve the January 18 meeting notes. There was a motion to adopt them. The motion was seconded and the notes were approved.

Legislative & Budget Update - Laurie Davies

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The illegal dumping bill (5350) is still alive and up for executive action. The current version is an improvement over past versions.

The biomass bill (5575) is so narrowed down it will only impact pulp & paper, and probably Avista.

The bill affecting the Public Works Trust Fund (5488) is dead, but could be reintroduced as necessary to implement the budget.

The green building bill (5300) establishes LEED or green building credit for using third-party certified timber products and timber products sourced in Washington.

The Children's Safe Products bill (5231) died.

We anticipate an overall gloomy budget forecast on Thursday. Preliminary talks about Ecology's budget indicate it still includes everything we requested (current levels of funding in the Governor's budget).

Snohomish County Flow Control Ordinance – Matt Zybas

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See handouts posted on W2RAC's website.

Under revisions to Snohomish County Code, no more than ten percent waste will go in recycling containers – the ten percent will be considered incidental waste. They recognize they will lose a portion of the waste stream. Laurie Davies asked if they would go out and inspect sites. Matt said they will do spot checks and education. A major area for implementation will be having two boxes. Public Works will issue penalties: \$1500 for the first violation.

The county is now in the implementation stage. The new rate goes into effect on April 1. This is a considerable change in how business is done in Snohomish County. Sego Jackson is taking the lead to meet with companies.

Questions/comments from the group included:

- How does this affect dump trucks and C&D debris? The same rules will apply.
- Are there any entities near the Snohomish County line with lower disposal rates? Some were trucking to Yakima County.
- It's a good ordinance, but not perfect.
- Have you received any pushback? Not really. When we go forward with implementation there could be concerns.
- Have there been any thoughts on size and amounts of containers based on amount of tonnage they process? No. They must have garbage and recycling containers.

If they don't have two containers or not labeled is that noncompliance? Yes. Phases of enforcement include education and issuing warnings. It will be a couple of months before fines are issued.

- Is there any prohibition from having more than two containers onsite? No.

Rules Update: -350 & -351 – Chipper Hervieux
Contact: 360-407-

See presentation posted on W2RAC's website.

-350:

Work on sections unrelated to composting will be delayed.

Chipper reviewed the schedule from filing the CR-101 forward. We are in the public meetings stage now. The first meeting is tomorrow.

-351:

There has been no progress on -351 for quite awhile. EPA is still reviewing the draft language. Dominic Calabro said EPA should be able to provide some comments this week.

Questions from the group included:

- What impact do we see on sites that were closed under 304? They were grandfathered, so none.
- How does -351 connect with -350? Odor management, e.g. feedstocks going into facilities.

- What is the purpose of the public meetings? To identify issues and get ideas on how to address them.

Operator Certification Update – Wayne Krafft
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Wayne explained that Cole Carter is lead on this project. He said it isn't Ecology's idea to do conduct this training and that Ecology doesn't want to do it alone. We need your help, input, backing and support to make it successful. Wayne asked to form a subcommittee to assist with the endeavor.

We are still gathering/organizing topic areas. We could make the training more specific to Washington (more relevant). There have been complaints about the difficulty of the tests. The focus might be a little different than the current SWANA curriculum -- more on day-to-day operators vs. landfill managers. There could be two or three certified onsite.

Questions/comments from the group included:

- Who authorizes/oversees certification and ensures requirements are met? Ecology administers the test.
- We're implementing state law, so there is no federal implication.
- Ecology was conducting the training before SWANA took it over, so it shouldn't take a lot to develop the training, right? Yes. We want to update it and need your input.
- Ecology could provide videoconferencing to reduce travel.
- Dennis Durbin got feedback from operators that they need this training. Dennis volunteered to be on the subcommittee to develop the training.
- Cole Carter said it would be a good idea to include private industry.

Art Starry and Jim Matsuyama will provide names to Laurie Davies of those who could participate on the subcommittee. She will forward the names to Wayne and Cole.

EPA Boiler MACT Rule – Chuck Matthews
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See notes posted on W2RAC's website. Heather Valdez from EPA joined the discussion from NWRO.

There are implications for the state's solid waste program. The biggest impact is on C&D materials. Terry Gillis has been working with Heather on a petition for reconsideration that will likely go to Washington DC.

There will be opportunity for EPA to go back and look at additional components of this new rule. EPA has teamed up with USDA and Energy.

Beyond Waste Progress Report - Gretchen Newman & Janine Bogar
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See presentation posted on W2RAC's website. Janine explained this is the fourth update on the report, and it's time to share recommendations.

Feedback from the group included:

- How about using the Gross Domestic Product as an indicator? This was identified by a consultant study as an efficiency measure. We're supposed to consider efficiency of the solid waste system in relation to the economy. It seems there is a correlation of standard of living to the amount of waste generated.
- Include a simple two or three sentence explanation of why that indicator is important for those who do not understand economics.
- Have you received feedback from other states? Mostly questions from consultants who are working with local governments.

If you would like to provide additional feedback, contact Gretchen or Janine.

Other Notes

Lorie Hewitt is working on a membership roster for our new committee. She hopes to finalize it by the May 17 meeting.

Kimberly Shanley will replace Bob Schille on the committee since he is retiring.

Steve Wambach said it's time for him to step aside as Committee Chair. He would be willing to be an alternate member.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Commingled recycling study group – Summer or Fall 2011
- Update from EPA Region 10 on Solid Waste Issues on Tribal Lands - TBD

- Results of Pierce County Health Department's Closed and Abandoned Landfill Study - John Sherman, May 2011?

Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Submitted by: Susanne McLemore